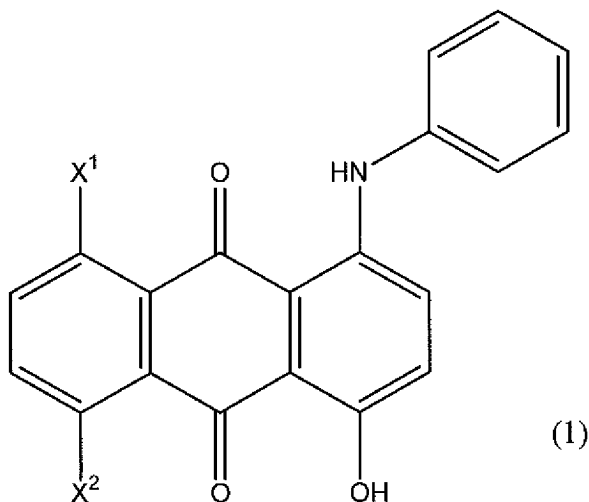


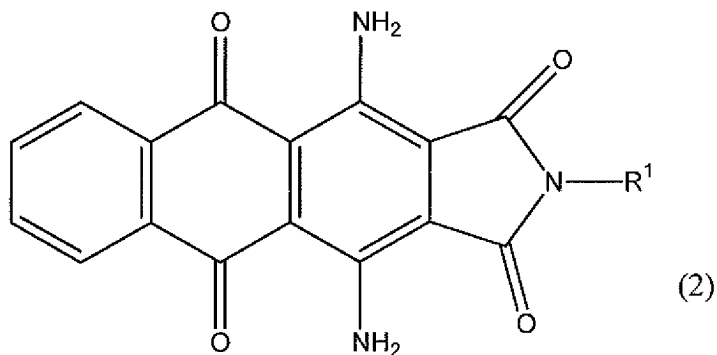
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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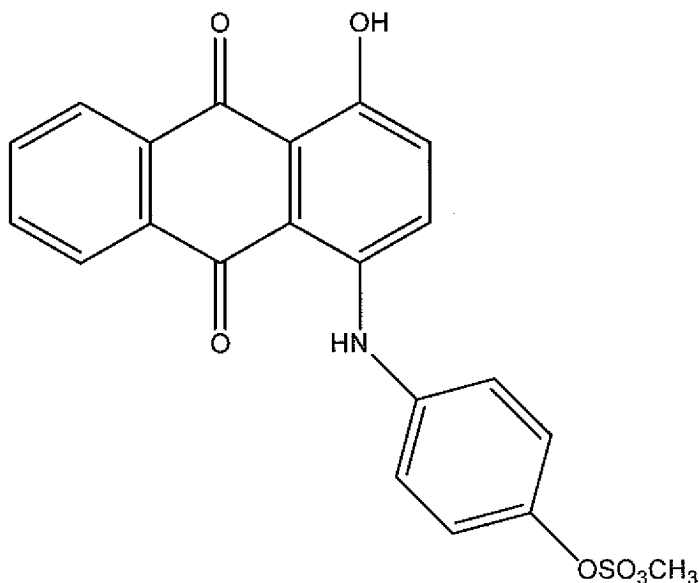
9. (Currently amended) A blue colored dye mixture which comprises contains from 10 to 60 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment which is a mixture of the two isomers represented by structural formula (1)



wherein one of X¹ and X² represents NO₂ and the other represents OH, from 60 to 10 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment represented by structural formula (2)

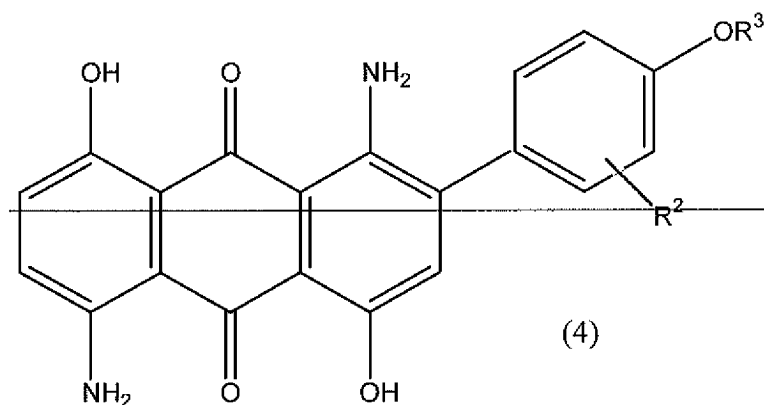


wherein R¹ represents -C₃H₆OCH₃, -C₃H₆OC₂H₅ or -C₃H₆OC₂H₄OCH₃, and from 10 to 30 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of the blue pigment which can be represented by structural formula (3)



(3)

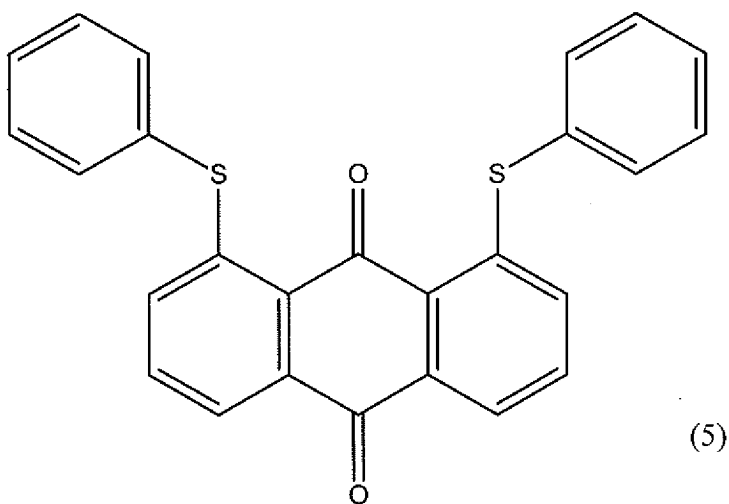
and from 20 to 0 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment which can be represented by structural formula (4)



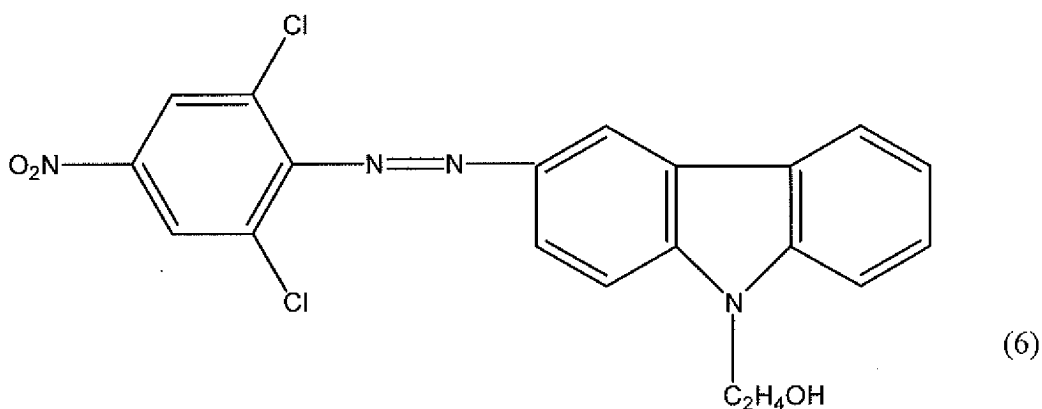
(4)

wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 or C_2 alkyl group, and R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_1 or C_2 alkyl group or a C_1 or C_2 alkoxy C_1 or C_2 alkyl group.

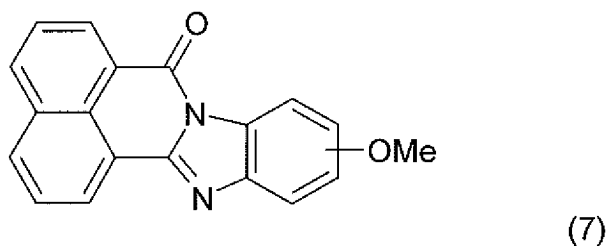
10. (Previously presented) A dye composition which comprises the blue dye mixture according to claim 9, and a yellow dye mixture and/or a red dye mixture, wherein the yellow dye mixture contains from 25 to 75 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (5)



from 60 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (6)

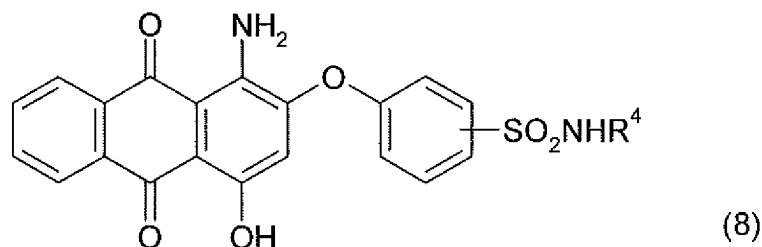


and from 15 to 5 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (7)

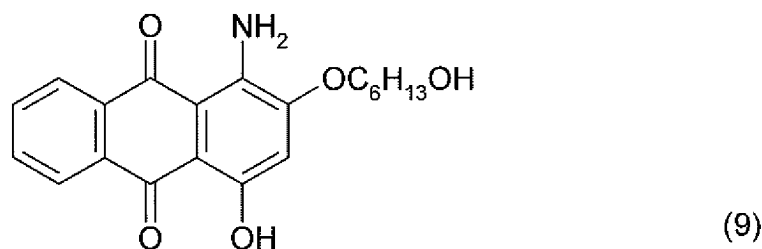


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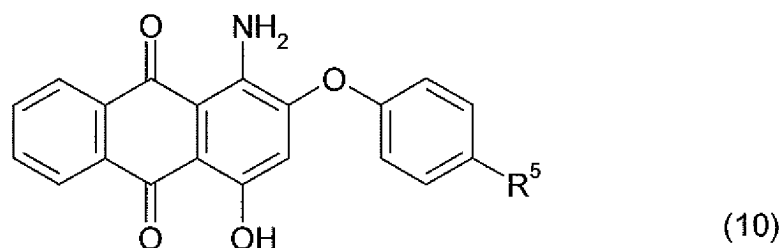
and the red dye mixture contains from 30 to 60 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of a red pigment represented by structural formula (8)



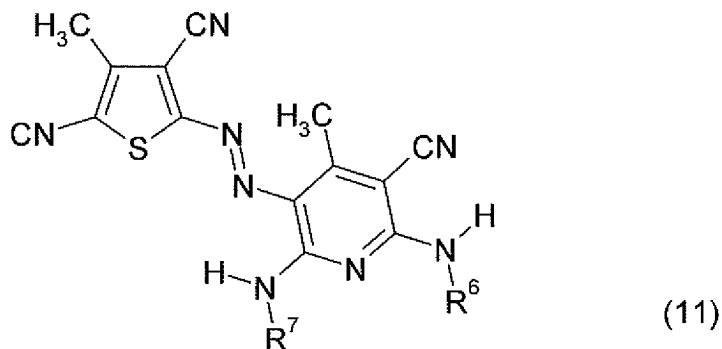
wherein R^4 represents a C_1 to C_3 alkoxy C_1 to C_3 alkyl group,
 from 70 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the red pigment represented by
 the structural formula (9)



and from 0 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of a red pigment represented by
 structural formula (10)

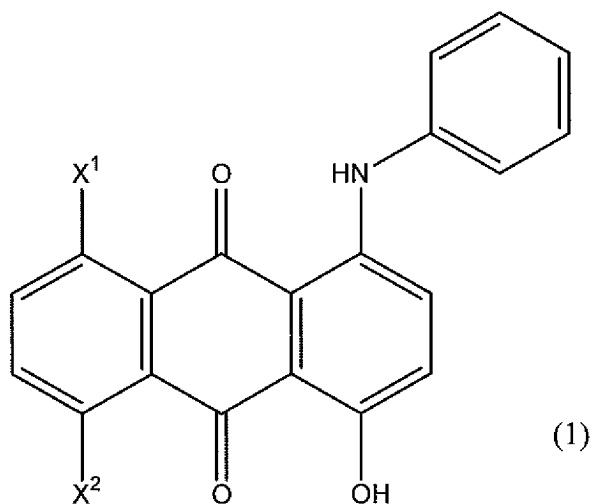


wherein R^5 represents a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom or a bromine atom, or by the structural
 formula (11)



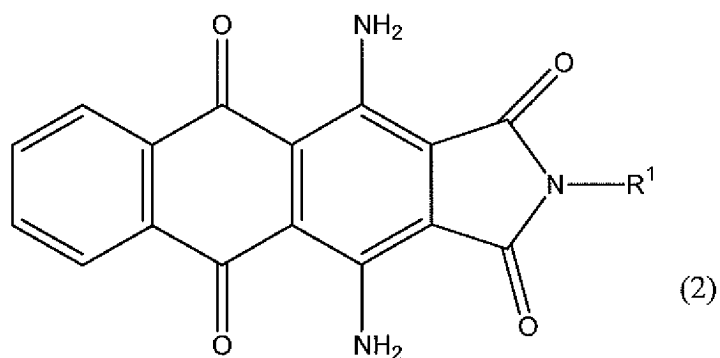
wherein one of R^6 and R^7 is a hydrogen atom and the other is hydroxyethoxyethyl,
 hydroxybutoxypropyl, acetoxyethoxyethyl or acetoxybutoxypropyl.

11. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers which comprises contacting the fibers with the blue dye mixture as claimed in claim 9 with the fibers.
12. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers which comprises contacting the fibers with the composition as claim in claim 10.
13. (Previously presented) A dyed polyester-based fiber material which has been dyed using a blue dye mixture as claimed in claim 9.
14. (Previously presented) A dyed polyester-based fiber material which has been dyed using the dye composition as claimed in claim 10.
15. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers according to claim 14 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers of different fineness.
16. (Previously presented) A dyed polyester-based fiber material according to claim 15 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers of different fineness.
17. (Previously presented) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers according to claim 15 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers comprising polyester-based fibers which can be dyed with a cationic dye and regular polyester-based fibers.
18. (Previously presented) A dyed polyester-based fiber material according to claim 16 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers comprising polyester-based fibers which can be dyed with a cationic dye and regular polyester-based fibers.
19. (New) A blue colored dye mixture which consists essentially of from 10 to 60 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment which is a mixture of the two isomers represented by structural formula (1)



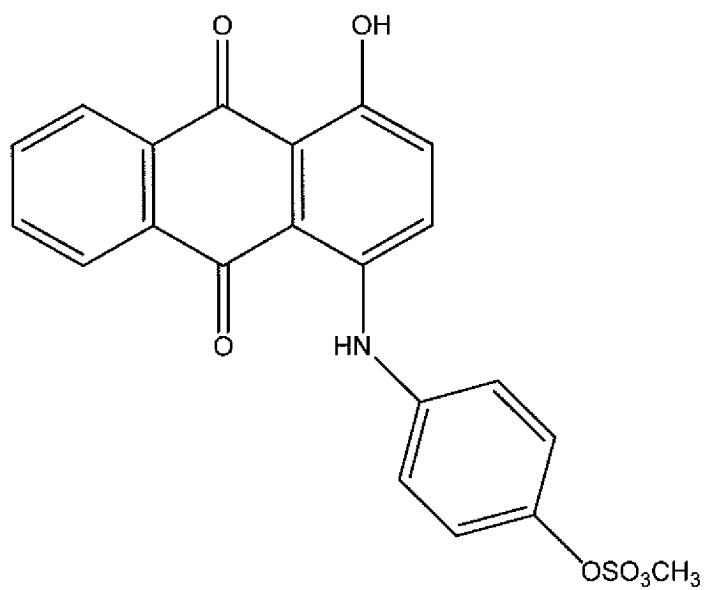
(1)

wherein one of X¹ and X² represents NO₂ and the other represents OH,
from 60 to 10 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment represented by
structural formula (2)



(2)

wherein R¹ represents -C₃H₆OCH₃, -C₃H₆OC₂H₅ or -C₃H₆OC₂H₄OCH₃, and
from 10 to 30 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of the blue pigment which can be
represented by structural formula (3)



(3)